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SUBJECT: 64TH ECOSOC--ECOSOC ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION PROGRAM

1. AT 5/4 ECOSOC PLENARY SESSION ENDED CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 3 BY ADOPTING REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DECADE ON RACISM PROGRAM (E/1978/L.25). IN PLACING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE ECOSOC THE SPONSORS NOTED CHANGES IN OPERATIVE PARA 4, WHICH NOW READS: "CALLS ONCE AGAIN UPON ALL GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT YET DONE SO TO TAKE MEASURES IN RESPECT OF THEIR NATIONALS AND BODIES CORPORATE UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION THAT OWN AND OPERATE ENTERPRISES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, IN ORDER TO PUT AN END TO SUCH ENTERPRISES;". SPONSORS ALSO NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE TO PREAMBULAR PARA 3.

2. FRG DELEGATE EXPLAINED HIS AND OTHER DELEGATIONS' OBJECTION TO THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA. DURING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, SOME DELEGATIONS HAD REQUESTED THAT THE WORD "CONVINCED" IN THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA BE CHANGED TO "RECALLING THE CONVICTION". SINCE THERE WAS NO CHANGE, FRG REQUESTED A VOTE ON THE REVISED DRAFT.

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3. BANGLADESH, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, INDIA, JAMAICA, SOMALIA, SUDAN, SYRIA, TOGO, TUNISIA, UGANDA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON AND UPPER VOLTA JOINED LIST OF COSPONSORS.

4. REVISED DRAFT WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 42-0-7. US DID NOT PARTICIPATE.

5. FRG EXPLAINED ITS ABSTENTION BY OBJECTING TO THE
"SIMPLISTIC" APPROACH OF OPERATIVE PARA 4 AND THE WORDING
OF PREAMBULAR PARA 3. PORTUGUESE DELEGATE NOTED
THAT PORTUGAL WOULD HAVE SERIOUS LEGAL DIFFICULTIES EN-
FORCING THE SANCTIONS CALLED FOR BY THE RESOLUTION. JAPAN
COMPLAINED OF PROBLEMS WITH OPERATIVE PARA 4 AND PRE-
AMBULAR PARA 3. GREECE STATED THEY HAD VOTED IN FAVOR
OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BUT HAD LEGAL
RESERVATIONS ABOUT OPERATIVE PARA 4. YOUNG

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